

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 1 Regan Court, Varley Building #46, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. Present were Chairman Newbrook and Commissioners Dias, Walker, Jasparro and Richard. Vice Chairperson Filippi and Commissioners Blackburn, Pearson, Jackson, Sylvester and Burlingame were absent. Also present were Executive Director Thomas B. Coffey, Jr. and Administrative Assistant Desiree Campanini.

APPEAL # 130024: The Tunstall Group, for the property located at 100 Freight Street, Pawtucket. ADSFM John Dolan appeared for the Pawtucket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a variance based on structural hardship, to allow the range of the cited ceiling plenum. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130028: Mr. Philip S. Very, for the property located at 1175 Main Street, Coventry. DSFM Kaitlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the State Fire Marshal's Office to bring the escape windows in the toddler room into compliance with the fire code and an additional sixty (60) days to implement that plan, with the State Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by

the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #090021: West Bay Manor LLC, for the property located at 2783 West Shore Road, Warwick. DSFM Kaitlyn Iannone appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. ADSFM Peter Marietti appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Jasparro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to accept the Applicant's Plan of action and to grant the Applicant time to bring this facility into full compliance. The Board granted the Applicant a time variance of 120 days to correct the following issues; installation of a door or secure gate at top of the exit stairway, installation of all necessary smoke detectors located on every floor of every stairwell and protection of the master box with a system for smoke detectors. The Applicant was also granted a time variance of thirty (30) days to install the appropriate signage at each exit door which must be able to be pushed to open. The Board authorized the State Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130025: Mr. Brian Bowes, for the property located at 175 Post Road, Warwick. ADSFM Peter Marietti and ADSFM Raymond Antonelli appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office for the upgrades to the municipally connected fire alarm system in this

facility and an additional 150 days to implement that plan, with the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130031: John Crane Group Corp., for the property located at 75 Commerce Drive, Warwick. ADSFM Peter Marietti and ADSFM Raymond Antonelli appeared for the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Richard, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days in which to review the two (2) cited options of the engineering report and determine which option to utilize for this project. The Applicant shall decide whether he will carry the non-combustible partitions through the walls directly to the ceiling of this facility or provide a hard ceiling and limited sprinkler coverage in the lab portion of this facility. The Applicant was granted an additional (120) days to implement that plan, with the Warwick Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort is being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

The Subcommittee's recommendations will be reported back to the full Board for its consideration, for the property located at 257 Ferris Avenue, East Providence, at the April 23, 2013 meeting.

APPEAL #130030: Mr. Ken Spader, for the property located at 257 Ferris Avenue, East Providence. ADSFM James Bellamy and ADSFM

Robert Powers appeared for the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker recused himself from consideration of this case. Commissioner Dias made motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to recommend that the full board grant the Applicant a variance in order to maintain the tempered glass wall between the cited occupancies of this facility for security purposes. As a condition of the Applicant's variance, the Board directs the Applicant to provide a sprinkler deluge system on the cafeteria side of the tempered glass wall and to further provide additional engineered heads to ensure that the entire glass surface of the other side of the wall is covered by the sprinkler system. The Board advised the Applicant and the East Providence Fire Marshal's Office that this project must be completed prior to occupancy of this facility. The motion passed.

APPEAL #130027: Ms. Racquel Tassoni, for the property located at 930 Plainfield Street, Johnston. Chief Timothy McLaughlin and ADSFM Richard Matarese appeared for the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Dias made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Walker and Jasparro, to authorize the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office and the State Fire Marshal's Office to allow the issuance of a temporary certificate of occupancy to allow the Applicant to open the business while the parties make a final determination to the resolution of the remoteness issue of the exits within this facility. The file will remain open, in case the parties need to return to the Board for any reason. The motion was unanimous.

APPEAL #130032: Mr. Harold S. Russo, Jr., for the property located at 103 Putnam Avenue, Johnston. Chief Timothy McLaughlin and ADSFM Richard Matarese appeared for the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jasparro, to grant the Applicant a time variance of thirty (30) days to submit a plan of action to the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office for the upgrade of the fire alarm system within this facility and an additional (150) days to implement that plan, with the Johnston Fire Marshal's Office authorized to extend the above deadlines, if a good faith effort being shown by the Applicant. The motion was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted

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